



Montana Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Brian Schweitzer, Governor
Richard H. Opper, Director

P.O. Box 200901 • Helena, MT 59620-0901 • (406) 444-2544 • www.deq.mt.gov

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER AUTHORITY
CULBERTSON TO BIG MUDDY PIPELINE**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: 4/16/2012
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Roosevelt County, Montana
DEQ/DWSRF Funding: \$300,000
Total Project Cost: \$2,036,900

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of a drinking water distribution system by the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA) in Roosevelt County.

The proposed action consists of the installation of approximately 5.25 miles of 18-inch PVC pipe for drinking water transmission running from the Big Muddy River in approximately the center of Township 28 North Range 55 East Section 21 to the Dry Prairie Rural Water System pump station in the extreme southwest corner of Township 28 North Range 56 East Section 20 in Roosevelt County. This project includes 1 road crossing, 4 stream crossings and 2 mainline valves, 7 flushing hydrants and 8 automatic air relief valves.

The affected environment is primarily a narrow pipeline corridor within an area in Roosevelt County bounded by US Highway 2 on the south beginning where US 2 crosses the Big Muddy and bounded on the North by the Northern Boundaries of Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, of T28N-R55E and of Sections 19 and 20 of T28N-R56E ending at Section 20 of T28N-R56E. The human environment affected will include residents and visitors of Roosevelt County in Montana. Based on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment, including environmental commitments detailed in the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: (1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, Fort Peck Reservation and Dry Prairie Service Areas, dated October 2002. The lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation (The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources and Conservation were cooperating agencies in

preparation of the EA); (2) Drawings dated April 2, 2012 titled "Poplar to Brockton Project ASRWSS Poplar, Montana" prepared by DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company; (3) Review of potential contaminant sources completed by the source water protection section of DEQ. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

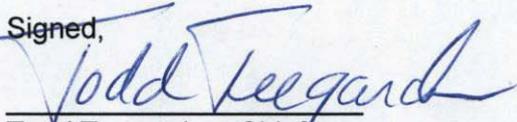
Marc Golz
Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901
Phone (406) 444-6770
Email: mgolz@mt.gov

Or:

Clint Jacobs
Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority
P.O. Box 577
Culbertson, MT 59218
(406) 787-5382
Email: dprw@nemontel.net

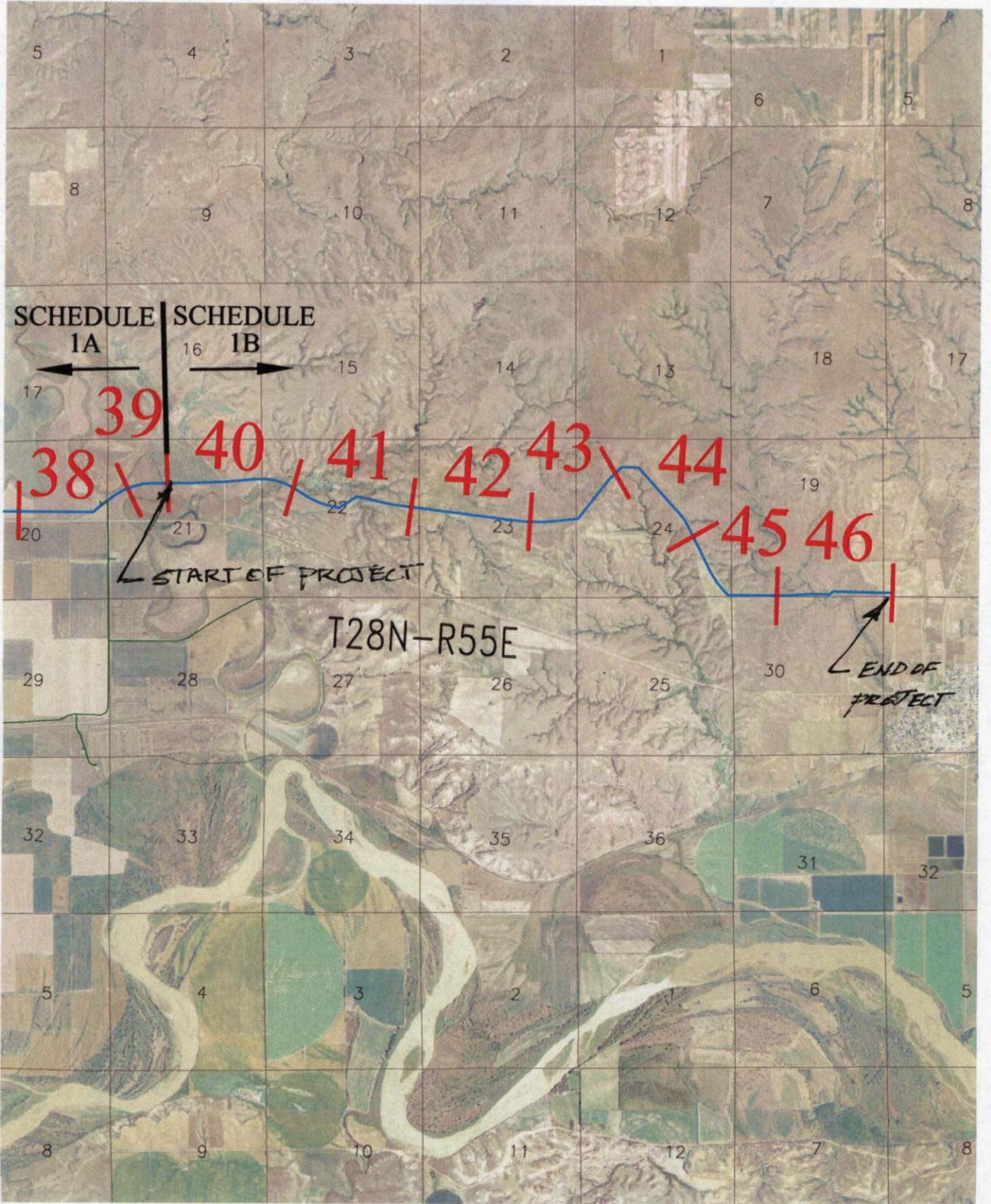
Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,



Todd Teegarden, Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau

c: file



DoWild Grant Rockart and Associates Company
 Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors
 Rock Rapids, IA - Sioux City, IA - Sioux Falls, SD

Date: APR 2012
 Designed By: JMG
 Project Manager: JMM
 Project Number: 803514
 Plot Date: 4/16/12

REV	DATE

CUIBERTS AND BIG MUDDY

ASRWSS
 POPLAR, MONTANA